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REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 11, 12, and 14-19 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Prior Art (Figures 1 and 4) in view of Huang (USPN 5,961,912, hereinafter "Huang") and Freyman et al. (USPN 5,635,671, hereinafter "Freyman").

Regarding claims 11, 12, and 14-19, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicant's previous comments are still applicable and they are incorporated by reference in this Request for Reconsideration by reference to the previous Response.

Response to Examiner's Arguments

The Examiner states in the Final Rejection:

"Applicant's arguments filed 6 October 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's argues that the Freyman reference does not disclose conductive traces in the gating region that is erroneous as can be seen in Fig. 9 that the conductive traces are formed in the gating region (902) and are made of gold and as stated in the abstract and after the removal of some of the gating region the gold conductive traces are still part of the structure. Therefore the rejection stands."

It is respectfully submitted that Freyman does not disclose the claimed conductive traces because claim 11 includes the limitation:

"electrical connections between said electronic devices and said conductive traces;"

As seen in Freyman Fig. 9, there are no electrical connections between the Freyman electronic device and the Freyman degating region 902.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that the combinations in claims 11, 12 and 14-19 are allowable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unobvious over Applicant's Prior Art (Figures 1 and 4) in view of Huang and Freyman.

OTHER

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of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address" was filed via facsimile to effect changing Applicant's attorney and correspondence address. An Auto-reply Facsimile Transmission was received in acknowledgement from the USPTO.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 11, 12 and 14-19 at an early date is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0374 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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